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WARS NOT FASHIONABLE.

It is difficult in these days to get up a great war. The world has not seen one of the first magnitude since 1870, a generation ago. A strong power will still attack a weak one, but wars between first-class nations are becoming fewer and farther between and this despite the fact that the great powers are those between whom exists the most friction.

This change in international policy has not been brought about by any increase of public respect for the mild humanities. There is no more disposition than there ever was to turn the other cheek. One cannot see that the millennium is nearer, by any growth of charity, temperance, meekness or brotherly love between men. For the impelling cause behind the new era, one must look to the growth of destructiveness in war. Chances are against a fighting man now. Formerly he had a show to come back safe with honor; now he has to take the risks of dynamite, lyddite, rapid-fire guns, repeating rifles, long-range shells, aerial explosives and a score more of deadly missiles unknown in any war before. Let two great modern armies come face to face and the mortality will be colossal in its magnitude. The prospect does not tempt the bravest man; and the cost of it all in treasure as well as in blood appals the strongest nation. It is a singular paradox that the more destructive the devices of slaughter become, the better for the world's peace. In that respect the man who makes two shells explode where one exploded before is a public benefactor.

The element of cost in money is becoming more and more important. The world owes more cash now than it can ever repay. The most it can do is to keep up the interest account. War would not be so bad economically if it merely caused money to change hands; but it goes further than that in eliminating wealth and thereby lessening the resources and credit of overburdened States. It also implies the support of a vast armed body of consumers in time of peace. No nation, unless it is sure of conquest, can afford the luxury of war and then it must make the enjoyment brief. It is a recognition of this truth at St. Petersburg and other capitals which accounts for the Tribunal at The Hague, for the caution of Russia and Japan, for the failure of Germany to recognize the Boers, for the easy settlement of the Venezuelan affair of 1895 and the Fashoda incident in 1900.

GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

The importance of the office of District Attorney to be balloted for by the Republican Convention tonight, cannot be overestimated. The incumbent will be the guide upon whose action will rest the success or failure of the county system of government. By the provisions of the County Act he is the legal adviser not only of all the county officials but also of the Board of Supervisors and will represent the county in all suits brought against it as well as prosecuting in its name. As this is the initial year of an untried system the responsibility for its successful working will largely rest on his shoulders; and a man of tried capacity and ability should be selected if affairs are to run smoothly.

The Advertiser compares prices received for milk, butter, eggs and chickens here with figures for the same products in the East, and outlines that as an inducement for small farmers to come and settle here in the same line. Our contemporary does not reckon, however, on the great cost of land, as compared with the East; the ravages of tuberculosis among cattle, and the devastating diseases in the fowl yards. When evened up the dairyman and poultryman in Hawaii is at a notable disadvantage—Independent.

This paper begs to differ with the organ of the anti-American party. Public land here is cheaper to acquire than private land in the East such as farmers live on. Tuberculosis, the foot-and-mouth disease and other maladies prevail among cattle on the mainland; and the average of health among well-cared for cows is as good if not better here than there. As for fowls, the experience of many chicken-growers is that, on the higher lands about Honolulu, diseases of poultry are no more destructive than they are in California or New York.

The Princess Theresa—sure kela—wants a law exempting "chiefs and chieftesses" from public criticism. She is so sure that a divinity hedges such people in that she can almost smell it. It is a pleasure—sure Moike—to agree with the Princess and if anything can be done to put the tabu on her she may count on the services of the Advertiser. Too-too.

Hats off to victorious Sheriff Andrews of Hawaii. Despite the hooting of the disaffected, he proves to have the Republican majority behind him.

A LESSON IN STATESMANSHIP.

The Irish Land Act, adopted by the British Parliament, has greatly improved the relations between Great Britain and Ireland. The New York World, in a cartoon, points its recognized effect, by representing King Edward and Erin, the latter an attractive woman, as dancing a jig together, the King twirling a shillelah, to indicate that at last the two nationalities are combined for mutual protection.

On the policy of stimulating diversified farming, which the Advertiser has strenuously advocated, this Act has an obvious application. The wise and present statesmen of Great Britain have thoroughly uprooted and destroyed a system of misrule that had existed for centuries and bled the land and the people through absentee landlords. This life-draining monopoly met the enormous expenditure of aristocrats, who were virtually aliens, reduced tenants to a condition of serfdom, in which manhood and opportunity were dormant, emptied the soil of its fertility, thrust aside improvements in farming, the effective use of which has placed the United States in the van of the producing world, and entailed upon a fine peasantry starvation, untold physical and mental suffering, forms of disease which were beyond cure, and unprecedented mortality. From these causes, leading to migrations that even Finland in the Twentieth Century cannot parallel, the population of Ireland was decimated, and a growing and combining exasperation resulted, with which civilization everywhere sympathized, and that nothing but wise and radical legislation could have abated.

The Conservatives in Great Britain, with whom all classes for this purpose have acted, have involuntarily presented an object lesson for ignorance, stolidity and venality in Hawaii, all three of these baser elements of society and politics centering in treacherous and selfish opposition, veiled but actual, to our best local interests. In the Hawaiian Islands, there have been chiefdoms and monarchies, as well as a transitional Republic, and the native population has been much denser than now. But the proportion of human beings to the square mile has never been large, and, for the most part, the soil is virgin. There is no excuse here, therefore, for the reproduction of European viciousness and complexities. Annexation to the United States has introduced principles of government inconsistent with privilege and classes, with the predominance of the few, and has placed individuals and property within the reach of liberal opportunity. Land is the source of stable wealth and of its distribution among educated and developing citizens. The American land policy, adopted in this Territory, would extirpate the possible germs of an Irish analogy. Instead of ultimately correcting evils, with their roots imbedded in dead centuries, that antagonize just government and human progress, it is our plain duty to stifle them in the very process of gestation.

It has been demonstrated in the Advertiser, aided by enlightened, brainy and faithful citizens, that our resources can be vastly multiplied, our population largely augmented, and the forces of responsible citizenship strengthened, by the rescue from immemorial stagnation and worthlessness of many thousands of acres of land in the mountains and nearer the shores of the Islands, which cannot be utilized by the sugar plantations or in other capitalistic enterprises, also in their places worthy of governmental support. History and special invitation combine in urging the stimulation of diversified farming and the consequent accumulation of the wealth, material and intellectual, that acquires its permanent influence and power from the economical use of intelligence and industry.

This is the important lesson in statesmanship that can be extracted from the study of the Irish Land Act.

The Independent complains that eight Japanese are employed on Quarantine Island to do lawn and other work and adds: "They are being paid \$20 a month, with room and board. The work is light and would be a boon to many native and white citizens of the Islands." If there is any native or white citizen who would take a yardboy job of the kind noted, and the Independent will hand in his name, the Advertiser will give him the benefit of free publicity. We have never yet seen a white yardboy and can scarcely remember to have seen a native one.

The Republicans of Oahu have done well to indorse the administration of Gov. Dole. Honest, conservative and substantial, the local government could not have been improved upon despite the misdeeds of its enemies whom the Legislature forced into office under it. Hawaii owes Gov. Dole a debt of gratitude, and Oahu has paid something on account.

If Superintendent Cooper can put Honolulu's electric wires underground he will do the public a service. The streets are disfigured with poles and the wires constitute a danger to life and property. A conduit system in Honolulu would be a popular innovation.

The Boyd family compact is about the most impertinent thing that ever appeared in island politics.

AN ANTI-CARTER SCHEME.

The factional enemies of Secretary Carter sprung a resolution in his favor at the Hilo convention and then laid it on the table.

It is understood that a similar attempt will be made here. If so the friends of good government in today's convention should look sharp.

If a single boodler appears on the Republican County ticket it will be useless to ask the wealthy members of the party to put up a dollar for campaign expenses.

Where there are so many good men for the rest of the ticket, what is the use of nominating bad ones?

Heavy-Weight Patriots.

The biggest officer in the Revolutionary War was Colonel Swift, who weighed 319 pounds. General Washington, always in fine training and without an ounce of superfluous flesh, weighed 209 during his campaigns. General Benjamin Lincoln, who surrendered Charleston to Sir Henry Clinton and afterward accepted the sword of General Cornwallis at Yorktown, was of 224 pounds avoirdupois. General Henry Knox, Washington's mouthpiece on many occasions, and he who said "It is a rule in war never to leave a fort in your rear," weighed 280 pounds and was as light on his feet as a kitten.

Great bulks those! General Jedidiah Huntington weighed 182 pounds, Lieutenant Colonel Cobb 182, and General Groaton 166. They were regarded as light weights. Colonel Michael Jackson, who had five brothers and five sons in the war, and who at the battle of Bunker Hill killed a British officer in a personal encounter, weighed 252 pounds. His brother, General Henry Jackson, weighed 238 pounds. Colonel Huntington weighed 212 and Colonel Humphreys 221. Humphreys, the poet, was favorite aid-de-camp to Washington. General Winfield Scott, old "Fuss and Feathers," was the most imposing of all the illustrious soldiers of the nineteenth century, possibly of all the centuries. His was a more imposing presence than Washington's. He felt "off his weight" at less than 285. Another great (physically) soldier was Shafter, who flattened Cuba when he put his foot on the Gem of the Antilles. —New York Press.

Something About the Silhouette.

Silhouette is the name given to a profile or shadow outline of the human figure, filled in by a dark color. This species of design was known among the ancients, and was carried by them to a high degree of perfection. The peculiar name was derived from Etienne de Silhouette, the French minister of finance in 1759, who, to replenish the treasury, exhausted by costly wars with Britain and Prussia, and by excessive prodigalities, inaugurated numerous reforms and the strictest economy of expenditure. His extreme parsimony in all finance matters made him a choice subject for caricature, so that any mode of fashion that was plain and cheap was styled a la Silhouette, and profiles made by tracing the shadow projected by the light of a candle on a sheet of white paper being then much in vogue, have continued to bear his name. Profiles cut out of black paper with scissors also took the name of Silhouettes. The artist who could use the scissors to good advantage in the days before photography began to advance, was a man who always had plenty of money, as he was constantly in demand and received good pay for his services.

A strange story comes from China of a remarkable operation for appendicitis performed by Mrs. William H. Logan, wife of a medical missionary in China. When living in the far interior of that vast country, eight hundred miles from the nearest doctor, her husband was stricken with appendicitis. Dr. Logan saw that his only chance of recovery lay in an operation, which he asked his wife to perform according to instructions which he gave her. A more appalling position for a human being to be placed in could scarcely be imagined; but this heroic woman, who might, perhaps, have screamed if a mouse had run over her feet, placed her husband under an anaesthetic, and with her unskilled hand successfully removed his appendix. Afterward, when he had rallied sufficiently to be moved, she took him eight hundred miles by wagon and rail to a physician, who completed the cure.

When Sir Thomas Lipton arrived in New York last month, he received a letter from an Irishman at Tompkinsville wishing him every success with the Shamrock III. This Irishman said that when the Shamrock I arrived at New York in 1899 his wife presented him with a son. Two years later, when the Shamrock II came into port she celebrated the occasion by bringing a daughter into the world, and this year as soon as the Shamrock III anchored she gave birth to another son. The Irishman hoped that Sir Thomas would never have to come again after the cup, because, he said, if Lipton did he would be busted. Sir Thomas sent him a few Shamrock pins for the members of his family, and when he wrote to thank him for them, the Irishman said: "If by any ill-fortune you should not win the cup this year, and have to come after it again, for heaven's sake don't bring a schooner."

Farmers occasionally hand out gold bricks themselves. Down in Connecticut a farmer wanted to board a train that did not stop at his station. He hung himself from the mail crane. When the train came along the engineer saw what he thought was the body of a suicide and fearing to mutilate it stopped. The farmer then dropped to the ground and got aboard amid the smiles of the passengers and anathemas of the train hands.

Dr. John A. Trembley, the eccentric scientist, has just died at his home in Hamilton, O. This home is unique, the owner having designed the various rooms in geometrical figures, some octagonal, others circular, others elliptical, and specimens of every known wood were procured from all parts of the world and used in the structure.

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